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For: **PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF 5-CARBOXYPHthalide**

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2. 0 sheets of drawings.
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This application is a continuation of prior U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/227,038 filed August 23, 2002; which is a continuation of prior U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/690,301, filed October 17, 2000, now U.S. Patent 6,458,973, and priority is claimed under 35 USC 120. In addition, Applicants claim priority under 36 USC 119 to Italy Patent Application No. MI2000A 000050, filed January 18, 2000.

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